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RECORDATION NO. 25071 FILED

Re: Filing of Assignment, Pledge and Security Agreement

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Dear Secretary:

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

I am enclosing two originals of a document entitled "Assignment, Pledge and Security Agreement" to be recorded pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code. This document is a primary document assigning an interest in a Lease Agreement and Schedule 2 dated as of November 12, 2003, by and between Southern Rail Leasing, Inc., as Lessor, and Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railway, Inc., as Lessor, and granting a security interest in the leased railcars. This pertains to Thirty Three 100-ton modified bulkhead flat cars bearing the marks and numbers indicated below:

<u>Old Initial</u>	<u>Old Number</u>	<u>New Initial</u>	<u>New Number</u>
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This Assignment is made pursuant to a Loan Agreement between SRL Partners #3, as Borrower, and Zions First National Bank, as Lender. The Assignment is assigning all rights in the Lease to Zions First National Bank. The parties involved are as follows:

SRL Partners #3, a Nevada general partnership (as Debtor)
Zions First National Bank (as Secured Party)
Southern Rail Leasing, Inc. (Lessor)(Lease assigned to SRL Partners #3)
Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railway, Inc. (the Lessee)

The railroad's address is:

1200 C Scottsville Rd. #200
Rochester, NY 14624

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I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$30.00 to cover your filing fee. Once the document has been returned, please return the original to my attention: Bradley E. Morris, Esq., Callister Nebeker & McCullough, 900 Gateway Tower East, 10 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84133. If you desire any further information, please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

CALLISTER NEBEKER & McCULLOUGH



Bradley E. Morris

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

ASSIGNMENT, PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

This Assignment, Pledge and Security Agreement (the "Agreement") is made between SRL Partners #3, a Nevada general partnership (the "Debtor"), and Zions First National Bank, a national association (the "Secured Party").

This Agreement is made pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the Debtor, as Borrower, and the Secured Party, as Lender, dated the same date as this Agreement.

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Debtor and Secured Party hereby agree as follows:

1. Assignment, Pledge and Grant of Security Interest. Debtor hereby assigns to Secured Party, for purposes of security, pledges and grants to Secured Party a security interest in the following collateral (collectively, the "Collateral"):

a. Lease. All rights, titles, and interests of Debtor in, to and under the following lease, all amendments, modifications, and replacements thereof, and all proceeds therefrom, including without limitation the right to collect all amounts owing under the lease and including all insurance proceeds and casualty payments (the "Lease"):

Schedule Number 2, dated November 12, 2003, to Railroad Car Lease between Debtor (as assignee of Southern Rail Leasing, Inc), as Lessor, and the Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railway, Inc.(a subsidiary of Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad), as Lessee (as assignee of I&M Rail Link pursuant to an Acceptance and Modification of Railroad Car Lease dated on or about October 23, 2002), dated April 14, 2000 pertaining to thirty-three, 100 ton nominal capacity, bulkhead flatcars bearing the marks and numbers indicated on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein.

b. Railcars. All railcars subject to the Lease, now existing, including without limitation all improvements, equipment, machinery, accessories, spare and repair parts and tools, fittings, additions, attachments, accessions, substitutions and replacements of any of the foregoing, wherever located, and all related right, title and interest of Debtor, now owned or hereafter acquired or created, and all proceeds and products of the foregoing (including without limitation insurance proceeds and casualty payments, all leases of any of the foregoing, and all rents, revenues, issues, profits and proceeds arising from the sale, lease, license, encumbrance, collection, or any other temporary or permanent disposition of any of the foregoing or any interest therein), and all documents covering any of the foregoing (collectively the "Railcars"); and

c. General Intangibles. All general intangibles (as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code) of the Debtor, now existing or later arising, and relating, directly or indirectly, to the Lease and/or the Railcars, including without limitation general intangibles, choses in action, proceeds, contracts, distributions, dividends, refunds, security deposits, judgments, insurance claims, any right to payment of any nature, intellectual property rights (patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade names, etc.) or licenses, any other rights or assets of Debtor, or any of them, customarily or for accounting purposes classified as general intangibles, and all documentation and supporting information related to any of the foregoing, all rents, profits and issues thereof, and all proceeds thereof (collectively the "General Intangibles").

d. Other Collateral. All personal property in which Secured Party has been granted, or will in the future be granted, a security interest to secure any other obligation of Debtor to Secured Party.

The Debtor and the Secured Party acknowledge their mutual intentions that the assignment, pledge and security interests contemplated herein are given as a contemporaneous exchange for new value to the Debtor, regardless of when advances to the Debtor are actually made or when the Collateral is acquired.

2. Obligations and Debts Secured. The assignment, pledge and security interest granted by this Agreement shall secure all of the Debtor's present and future debts, obligations, and liabilities of whatever nature to the Secured Party, including, without limitation: (i) a term loan to the Debtor in the original principal amount of \$782,000.00 evidenced by a Promissory Note dated the same date as this Agreement; (b) all renewals, extensions, modifications and replacements of the foregoing (including any which increase the original principal amount); (c) all of the other obligations and debts described in or contemplated by the Loan Agreement; (d) advances of the same kind and quality or relating to this transaction; (e) transactions in which the documents evidencing the indebtedness refer to this grant of security interest as providing security therefor; and (f) all overdrafts on any account of the Debtor maintained with the Secured Party, now existing or hereafter arising.

The Debtor and the Secured Party expressly acknowledge their mutual intent that the assignment, pledge and security interest created by this Agreement secure any and all present and future debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Debtor to the Secured Party without any limitation whatsoever.

3. Location of Collateral. The Debtor represents and warrants that:

a. The Debtor's place of business is located at:

955 South Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada 89502

- b. Records concerning the Collateral are also located at:

Southern Rail Leasing, Inc.
970 Los Vallecitos Blvd., Suite 224
San Marcos, California 92069

- c. The Lease and all other records concerning the Collateral are kept at the locations specified in subparagraphs 3A and 3B and no others.

- d. The Railcars will be located in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Lease.

- e. The Debtor agrees that it will not change any of the above locations or create any new locations for such matters without giving the Secured Party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice thereof.

4. Representations and Warranties Concerning Collateral. The Debtor represents and warrants that:

- a. The Debtor is the sole owner of the Collateral.

- b. The Collateral is not subject to any assignment, pledge, security interest, lien or other encumbrance of any nature whatsoever except for current taxes and assessments which are not delinquent, the assignment, pledge and security interest created by this Agreement, and those disclosed in writing to and approved in writing by the Secured Party.

- c. The Lease has been executed and delivered and is a legal, valid, and binding agreement, enforceable in accordance with its terms. The Lease is in full force and effect, and no default or event which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both, would constitute a default, has occurred.

- d. The Lease is a bona fide obligation of the Lessee identified therein for the amounts specified in the Lease.

- e. To the best knowledge of the Debtor, there are no defenses or setoffs to payment of the Lease which can be asserted by way of defense or counterclaim against the Debtor or the Secured Party.

- f. To the best knowledge of the Debtor, the Lease will be timely paid in full by the Lessee. The Debtor has no knowledge of any fact or circumstance which would materially impair the ability of any Lessee or guarantor on the Lease to timely perform the obligations thereunder.

- g. The Railcars have been leased under the Lease in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

h. There have been no extensions, modifications, or other agreements relating to the Lease except as disclosed in writing to the Secured Party.

5. Covenants Concerning Collateral. The Debtor covenants that:

a. The Debtor will keep the Collateral free and clear of any and all assignments, pledges, security interests, liens or other encumbrances, except those for current taxes and assessments which are not delinquent, those arising from this Agreement, and those disclosed in writing to and approved in writing by Secured Party.

b. The Debtor shall promptly execute and deliver any documents, including without limitation memoranda of the Lease, UCC Financing Statements, etc., reasonably requested by the Secured Party for perfection or enforcement of this Agreement and the assignment, pledge and security interests created hereby, to execute and deliver any applications for certificate of title, certificates of title, and to give good faith, diligent cooperation to the Secured Party and to perform such other acts reasonably requested by the Secured Party for perfection and enforcement of such assignment, pledge and security interests.

c. The Debtor will at all times comply with and timely and properly perform all obligations and duties under the Lease.

d. The Debtor will not terminate, modify or amend the Lease without the prior written consent of the Secured Party.

e. The Debtor will promptly notify the Secured Party, in writing, of any default or event which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both, would constitute a default under the Lease.

f. The Debtor shall submit to the Secured Party reports as to the Lease at such times and in such form as the Secured Party may reasonably request. The Debtor will at all times keep accurate and complete records of the Lease. The Secured Party or its representatives may, at any time and from time to time, enter any premises where the records pertaining to the Collateral are located and inspect, audit, check, copy and otherwise review the same.

g. All payments and proceeds from the Collateral shall be paid directly to the Secured Party and deposited into the account (the "Account") designated by and maintained at the Secured Party, Account Number 002-21598-6, which Account shall be under the sole and exclusive control of the Secured Party. All or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Account may, in the sole discretion of the Secured Party, be applied from time to time as the Secured Party elects to payment of obligations secured by this Agreement, or the Secured Party may elect to turn over to the Debtor, from time to time, all or any portion of such funds.

h. The Secured Party is authorized by the Debtor, without further act, to notify the Lessee and any guarantors under the Lease to make payment thereon directly to the Secured Party, to take possession of all payments and proceeds from the Collateral, and to take any action which the Debtor might or could take to collect such payments and proceeds, including the right to make any compromise, discharge, or extension. The Secured Party may exercise such collection rights at any time, whether or not the Debtor is in default under this Agreement. The Debtor further agrees to execute and deliver to the Secured Party all notices and similar documents requested by the Secured Party to facilitate collection of such payments and proceeds.

i. All costs of collection of payments and proceeds from the Collateral, including attorneys fees and legal expenses, shall be borne solely by the Debtor, whether such costs are incurred by or for the Debtor or the Secured Party. In the event the Secured Party elects to undertake such collection efforts, the Debtor agrees to deliver to the Secured Party, if so requested, all books, records, and documents in the Debtor's possession or under its control as may relate to the Collateral or as may be helpful to facilitate such collection. The Secured Party shall have no obligation to cause an attorneys demand letter to be sent, to file any lawsuit, or to take any other legal action in collection of the such payments and proceeds. It is agreed that collection of such payments and proceeds in a commercially reasonable manner does not require that any such legal action be taken.

j. The Debtor does hereby make, constitute, and appoint the Secured Party and its designees as the Debtor's true and lawful attorney in fact, with full power of substitution, such power to be exercised in the following manner: (1) the Secured Party may receive and open all mail addressed to the Debtor and remove therefrom any cash, notes, checks, acceptances, drafts, money orders or other instruments in payment of the Lease or other proceeds of the Collateral; (2) the Secured Party may cause mail relating to the Collateral to be delivered to a designated address of the Secured Party where the Secured Party may open all such mail and remove therefrom any cash, notes, checks, acceptances, drafts, money orders, or other instruments in payment of the Lease or other proceeds of the Collateral; (3) the Secured Party may endorse the Debtor's name upon such notes, checks, acceptances, drafts, money orders, or other forms of payment; (4) the Secured Party may settle or adjust disputes or claims in respect to the Collateral for amounts and upon such terms as the Secured Party, in its sole discretion and in good faith, deems to be advisable, in such case crediting the Debtor with only the payments and proceeds received and collected by the Secured Party after deduction of the Secured Party's costs, including reasonable attorneys fees and legal expenses; and (5) the Secured Party may do any and all other things necessary or proper to carry out the intent of this Agreement and to perfect and protect the interests and rights of the Secured Party created under this Agreement.

k. Consistent with the Lease, the Debtor shall cause the Railcars to be kept in good repair and be responsible for any loss or damage to the Railcars. The Debtor shall not sell, misuse, conceal, or in any way dispose of the Railcars or permit the Railcars to be used unlawfully or for hire or contrary to the provisions of the Lease or any insurance

coverage. Risk of loss of the Railcars shall be on the Debtor at all times unless the Secured Party takes possession of the Railcars. The Secured Party or its representatives may, at any time and from time to time, enter any premises where the Collateral is located and inspect, audit and check the Collateral.

l. Except as otherwise provided in the Lease, the Debtor shall pay when due all taxes, license fees, levies, assessments, impositions and other charges on the Railcars.

m. The Debtor shall insure or cause the Lessee to insure the Railcars as provided in the Lease, and shall cause such insurance policies to name the Secured Party as an additional insured and loss payee. Such insurance policies shall provide that the Secured Party receive at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of any material changes in coverage or cancellation. Proceeds from such insurance shall be payable to the Secured Party as its interest may appear. Upon request, policies or certificates attesting to such coverage shall be delivered to the Secured Party. Insurance proceeds may be applied by the Secured Party toward payment of any obligation secured by this Agreement, whether or not due, in such order of application as the Secured Party may elect.

6. Right to Perform for the Debtor. The Secured Party may, in its sole discretion and without any duty to do so, elect to discharge taxes, tax liens, security interests, levies, assessments, impositions and other charges or other encumbrances upon the Collateral, perform any duty or obligation of the Debtor, pay filing, recording, insurance and other charges payable by the Debtor, or provide insurance as provided herein if the Debtor fails to do so, unless the Debtor, in good faith, contests the validity or amount of such taxes, tax liens, security interests, levies, assessments, impositions and other charges or other encumbrances, and provides the Secured Party with adequate additional collateral, acceptable to the Secured Party, to protect the Secured Party against such taxes, tax liens, security interests, levies, assessments, impositions and other charges or other encumbrances. Any such payments advanced by the Secured Party shall be repaid by the Debtor upon demand, together with interest thereon from the date of the advance until repaid, both before and after judgment, at the default rate provided in the promissory notes secured by this Agreement.

7. Default. Time is of the essence of this Agreement. The occurrence of any of the following events shall constitute a default under this Agreement:

a. Any representation or warranty made by or on behalf of the Debtor in this Agreement is materially false or materially misleading when made;

b. Any default in the payment or performance of any obligation, debt, covenant, agreement or liability created by or contemplated by this Agreement or secured by this Agreement, if such default is not cured within fifteen (15) days after the Secured Party give written notice of such default to the Debtor; or

c. An Event of Default (as defined in the Loan Agreement) occurs.

No course of dealing or any delay or failure to assert any default shall constitute a waiver of that default or of any prior or subsequent default.

8. Remedies. Upon the occurrence of any default under this Agreement, the Secured Party shall have the following rights and remedies, in addition to all other rights and remedies existing at law, in equity, or by statute or provided in the Loan Agreement:

a. The Secured Party shall have all the rights and remedies available under the Uniform Commercial Code;

b. The Secured Party shall have the right to enter upon any premises where the Collateral or records pertaining thereto may be and take possession of the Collateral and records relating thereto;

c. Upon request of the Secured Party, the Debtor, at the expense of the Debtor, shall assemble the Collateral and records relating thereto at a place designated by the Secured Party and tender the Collateral and records to the Secured Party;

d. The Secured Party may elect to assume all of the Debtor's rights, titles and interests under the Lease; however, this Agreement shall not create or impose any obligation or liability on the Secured Party to perform any duty or obligation or pay any liability of the Debtor under the Lease unless the Secured Party elects to exercise its remedy of assuming all of the Debtor's rights, titles and interests under the Lease or purchases the such rights, titles and interests upon foreclosure pursuant to this Agreement.

e. The Secured Party may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any or all of the Collateral and, after deducting the reasonable costs and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Secured Party, including, without limitation, (a) reasonable attorneys fees and legal expenses, (b) transportation and storage costs, (c) advertising of sale of the Collateral, (d) sale commissions, (e) sales tax, (f) costs for improving or repairing the Collateral, and (g) costs for preservation and protection of the Collateral, apply the remainder to pay, or to hold as a reserve against, the obligations secured by this Agreement.

The rights and remedies herein conferred are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights and remedies and shall be in addition to every other right, power and remedy herein specifically granted or hereafter existing at law, in equity, or by statute which the Secured Party might otherwise have, and any and all such rights and remedies may be exercised from time to time and as often and in such order as the Secured Party may deem expedient. No delay or omission in the exercise of any such right, power or remedy or in the pursuance of any remedy shall impair any such right, power or remedy or be construed to be a waiver thereof or of any default or to be an acquiescence therein.

In the event of breach or default under the terms of this Agreement, the Debtor agrees to pay, on a non-recourse basis and in accordance with the Loan Agreement, all reasonable

attorneys fees and legal expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Secured Party in enforcement of this Agreement, in exercising any remedy arising from such breach or default, or otherwise related to such breach or default. The Debtor additionally agrees to pay, on a non-recourse basis and in accordance with the Loan Agreement, all reasonable costs and out-of-pocket expenses, including, without limitation, (1) reasonable attorneys fees and legal expenses, (2) transportation and storage costs, (3) advertising of sale of the Collateral, (4) sale commissions, (5) sales tax, (6) costs for improving or repairing the Collateral, and (7) costs for preservation and protection of the Collateral, incurred by the Secured Party in obtaining possession of Collateral, storage and preparation for sale, sale or other disposition, and otherwise incurred in foreclosing upon the Collateral. Any and all such costs and out-of-pocket expenses shall be payable upon demand, together with interest thereon from the date of the advance until repaid, both before and after judgment, at the default rate provided in the promissory notes secured by this Agreement.

Regardless of any breach or default, the Debtor agrees to pay all expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees and legal expenses, incurred by the Secured Party in any bankruptcy proceedings of any type involving the Debtor, the Collateral or this Agreement, including, without limitation, expenses incurred in modifying or lifting the automatic stay, determining adequate protection, use of cash collateral, or relating to any plan of reorganization.

9. Notices. All notices or demands by any party hereto shall be in writing and may be sent by regular mail. Notices shall be deemed received when deposited in a United States post office box, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the Debtor or the Secured Party at the mailing addresses stated in the Loan Agreement or to such other addresses as the Debtor or the Secured Party may from time to time specify in writing. Any notice otherwise delivered shall be deemed to be given when actually received by the addressee.

10. Indemnification. The Debtor agrees to indemnify the Secured Party for any and all claims and liabilities, and for damages which may be awarded against the Secured Party and for all reasonable attorneys fees, legal expenses, and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in defending such claims, arising from or related in any manner to the negotiation, execution, or performance of this Agreement, excluding any claims and liabilities based upon breach or default by the Secured Party under this Agreement or upon the negligence or misconduct of the Secured Party. The Secured Party shall have sole and complete control of the defense of any such claims, and is hereby given the authority to settle or otherwise compromise any such claims as the Secured Party in good faith determines shall be in its best interests.

11. General. This Agreement is made for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Debtor and the Secured Party, and is not intended to benefit any third party. No such third party may claim any right or benefit or seek to enforce any term or provision of this Agreement.

In recognition of the Secured Party's right to have all its attorneys fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement secured by the Collateral, notwithstanding payment in full of the obligations secured by the Collateral, the Secured Party shall not be required to release, reconvey, or terminate any assignment or pledge of or security interest in the Collateral unless and until the Debtor has executed and delivered to the Secured Party general releases in form and substance satisfactory to the Secured Party.

The Secured Party and its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and attorneys, shall not be liable to the Debtor for consequential damages arising from or relating to any breach of contract, tort, or other wrong in connection with or relating to this Agreement or the Collateral.

If the incurring of any debt by the Debtor or the payment of any money or transfer of property to the Secured Party by or on behalf of the Debtor should for any reason subsequently be determined to be "voidable" or "avoidable" in whole or in part within the meaning of any state or federal law (collectively "voidable transfers"), including, without limitation, fraudulent conveyances or preferential transfers under the United States Bankruptcy Code or any other federal, state or foreign law, and the Secured Party is required to repay or restore any voidable transfers or the amount or any portion thereof, or upon the advice of the Secured Party's counsel is advised to do so, then, as to any such amount or property repaid or restored, including all reasonable costs, expenses, and attorneys fees of the Secured Party related thereto, the liability for such debt, payment or transfer shall automatically be revived, reinstated and restored and shall exist as though the voidable transfers had never been made.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah.

Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction only, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

All references in this Agreement to the singular shall be deemed to include the plural if the context so requires and visa versa. References in the collective or conjunctive shall also include the disjunctive unless the context otherwise clearly requires a different interpretation.

All agreements, representations, warranties and covenants made by the Debtor shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the filing and consummation of any bankruptcy proceedings, and shall continue in effect so long as any obligation to the Secured Party contemplated by this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid, notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement. All agreements, representations, warranties and covenants in this Agreement shall bind the party making the same and its heirs and successors, and shall be to the benefit of and be enforceable by each party for whom made and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

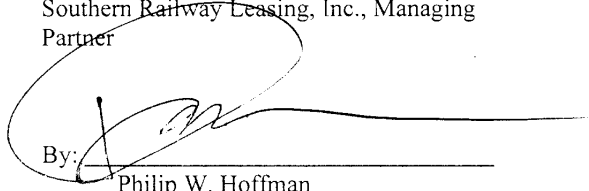
This Agreement, together with the Loan Agreement and other documents and agreements identified in or contemplated by the Loan Agreement, constitute the entire agreement between the Debtor and the Secured Party as to the subject matter hereof and may not be altered or amended except by written agreement signed by the Debtor and the Secured Party. All other prior and contemporaneous understandings between the parties hereto as to the subject matter hereof are rescinded.

Dated: July 3, 2004.

Debtor:

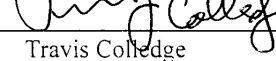
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Partner

By: 
Philip W. Hoffman
Its: Vice President


Secured Party:

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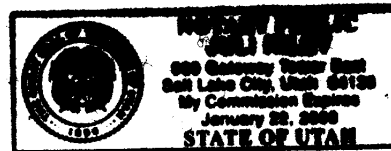
By: 
Travis Colledge
Its: Assistant Vice President

STATE OF UTAH)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

The foregoing Assignment, Pledge and Security Agreement was acknowledged before me this 3 day of July, 2004, by Travis Colledge, Assistant Vice President of Zions First National Bank, a national association.



NOTARY PUBLIC



STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

The foregoing Assignment Pledge and Security Agreement was acknowledged before me
this 1 day of July, 2004., by Philip W. Hoffman, Vice President of Southern
Rail Leasing, Inc., the Managing Partner of SRL PARTNERS #3, a Nevada General Partnership.


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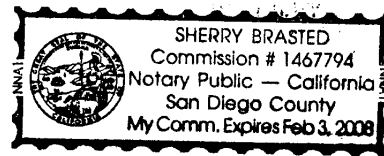


Exhibit "A"

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LRWN	10751	ICE	66044
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LRWN	10761	ICE	66051
LRWN	10762	ICE	66052
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Exhibit "B"

Lease by and between SRL Partners #3
and Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railway

Schedule Number 2

This Schedule Number 2 ('Schedule') dated for reference purposes as November 12, 2003 is a schedule to that certain Railroad Car Lease dated for reference purposes as April 14, 2000 between Southern Rail Leasing, Inc. as Lessor, (the "Lessor") and the I&M Rail Link. The Railroad Car Lease was assigned to the Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railway, Inc. (hereafter, the "Lessee") by and Acceptance and Modification of Railroad Car Lease executed by the parties on or about October 23, 2002. The above documents shall collectively be referred to as the Lease.

Lessee and Lessor agree as follows:

All terms of the Agreement shall have the meanings defined therein when used in this Schedule except that the term "Cars" shall refer only to the equipment described in this schedule.

2. Lessor hereby leases the following Cars to Lessee:
Thirty-three, 66' inside length, 100 ton nominal capacity, bulkhead flatcars, numbered in Exhibit A to this Schedule Number 2.
3. The term of the lease (the "Initial Term") with respect to the Cars described on this Schedule Number 2 shall be deemed to have commenced on the day of delivery of the last Car ("Lease Commencement Date"). Delivery as to each Car shall be defined as the day each Car is interchanged to the Lessee at Lessee lines suitable for loading and as further provided in Paragraphs 7 and 8 of this Schedule Number 2. The Initial Term shall continue as to all of the Cars described in this schedule through July 31, 2012.
4. During the Initial Term, the rental shall be a fixed amount of \$375.00 per month per Car. The rental rate is subject to provisions of the lease relating to holdover. Rent shall be paid on the first of each month, in advance; and any rent attributable to the period between delivery of a Car and the first of the month shall be pro-rated and paid with the first payment due with respect to such Car. Should any notice be given under Section 13 A (i) of the Railroad Car lease, then any rental payment then due shall incur liquidated damages equal to 5% of such late rental payment.
5. Lessee shall bear the cost and obligations for management, maintenance and repair with respect to the Cars leased pursuant to this schedule. Lessee shall provide its Car marks to identify the Cars.
6. The Cars shall be used as bulkhead flatcars to be loaded with finished steel products and shall be delivered for such purpose. At the termination of this lease, the cars shall be returned to Lessor empty, free from residue, unless the Cars are loaded for return at the request of Lessor as set forth in Paragraph 8, below. At the termination of the Lease, returned Cars shall be in the same good order and condition as the Cars were in when they were delivered by the Lessor to Lessee. Lessee shall, on demand, reimburse Lessor the cost of cleaning any Car containing residue or for damage to any car or appurtenances which have been affected by the commodity loaded therein.

Notwithstanding any provision in the Lease to the contrary, the Cars may be interchanged to any location in Canada without further consent of Lessor.

7. The Cars shall be remarked and retagged to car marks as specified by Lessee and shall meet AAR and FRA interchange standards. Upon delivery to Lessee, all Cars shall be inspected by Lessee and Lessor under a joint inspection. At the joint inspection the scope

of remedial work, if any, shall be defined by the parties; and all reasonable remedial work shall be performed by Lessee at Lessor's expense. Either prior to the joint inspection or in conjunction with such joint inspection, all Cars not having serviceable decks will be provided with a serviceable deck.

8. Lessor shall be responsible for all inbound freight costs to the initial interchange with Lessee's lines prior to the joint inspection described above.

Upon termination of this lease with respect to any Car (or upon expiration of the possible storage period described in Paragraph 14 C of the Lease, whichever date is later), Lessee shall transport such Cars to any interchange point of Lessee's lines or reasonably attempt to provide a final outbound load as specified by Lessor in accordance with the terms of the Lease.

9. The Record Keeper designated in Paragraph 7 of the Lease Agreement is Lessee.
10. In addition to the obligations described in Section 8 of the Railroad Car Lease, at the Lease Commencement Date Lessee shall provide evidence of casualty insurance on each Car in the minimum amounts equal to the Depreciated Value of each Car as specified in the rules of the Association of American Railroads.
11. This Schedule may be assigned by a separate document. Lessee will reasonably cooperate with Lessor in consummating such assignment.
12. Except as expressly modified by this Schedule, with respect to these Cars, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Each party, pursuant to due entity authority, has caused this Agreement to be executed by its authorized officer or other employee, and each of the undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that he or she holds the title indicated below, that the execution of this Agreement was the free act and deed of the entity, the foregoing is true and correct and that this Agreement was executed on the date indicated.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SCHEDULE NUMBER 2

LESSOR

Southern Rail Leasing, Inc.

BY: 

DATE: 11/14/03

LESSEE

Iowa, Chicago and Eastern, Inc.

BY: 

DATE: 11/12/03

Exhibit A

LIST OF CARS

Prior to delivery, a comprehensive old number/ new number list shall be submitted to Lessee and a copy shall be attached hereto.

Iowa Chicago and Eastern
Old Number/ New Number Table

Old Mark	Old Number	New Mark	New Number
GFRR	864257	ICE	66021
GFRR	864014	ICE	66022
GFRR	864093	ICE	66023
GFRR	864126	ICE	66024
LRWN	10738	ICE	66025
LRWN	10744	ICE	66026
LRWN	10746	ICE	66027
LRWN	10754	ICE	66028
LRWN	10757	ICE	66029
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LRWN	10763	ICE	66053

RAILROAD CAR LEASE

This Lease Agreement ("Agreement") is dated for reference purposes only as of April 14, 2000 by and between Southern Rail Leasing, a Nevada Corporation, ("Lessor") and I&M Rail Link, LLC a Delaware Limited Liability Company ("Lessee"). The date of the Agreement shall be the date that the last party to sign has executed the document.

1. Scope of Agreement:

A. **Agreement to Lease:** Lessor and Lessee agree to lease the railroad cars described in the schedule(s) (The "Cars"). "Schedule" means any schedule signed by both Lessor and Lessee. "Agreement" shall include this document together with all signed schedules.

B. **Schedules Control:** The terms of any Schedule shall control as to Cars on such schedule, over any inconsistent terms elsewhere in this Agreement.

2. Term and Delivery:

This Agreement shall remain in full force until terminated as to all Cars on all Schedules. The lease term with respect to any Car shall commence on the date as set forth on the Schedule; and it shall expire on the Expiration Date defined on the applicable Schedule.

3. Specifications, Transportation Expenses, Replacement and Subscription:

A. **Specifications:** Car specifications and marks shall be as set forth on the applicable schedule.

B. **Transportation Expenses:** Lessee shall be liable for all expenses and charges for transportation or movement of any Car leased to Lessee.

C. **Replacement:** Lessor may, at its expense, replace any or all Cars with equipment of similar specification and quality upon not less than ten (10) days prior written notice.

D. **Subscription:** Lessee shall for the term of this Agreement subscribe to the Association of American Railroads ("AAR") Car Service and Car Hire Agreements.

4. Acceptance:

In conjunction with the delivery of each Car, Lessee shall provide Lessor a certificate (the "Certificate") setting forth the delivery and acceptance of each Car. If, however, Lessee fails to deliver such Certificate, then after the Delivery Date of the Final Car on any Schedule, Lessor may, at its option, provide Lessee a Certificate setting forth the Delivery Date of each Car and the Expiration Date. Each date on each Certificate delivered by Lessor shall be deemed accurate, final and binding unless Lessee disputes such date in writing within 14 calendar days of receipt by Lessee of such Certificate. Each car shall be deemed thereby accepted.

5. **Movement to Lessee's Lines:**

Each Car shall be moved to Lessee's lines at the earliest time that is consistent with the convenience and economy of the parties. Such movement shall be at the Lessee's expense.

6. **Maintenance:**

A. **Definition of Maintenance:** "Maintenance" means all repairs, maintenance, replacement of parts and mandated modifications as are needed to keep any Car in good working order and repair, suitable for loading and interchange and in accordance with the Interchange Rules, the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") rules and the rules of any other applicable regulatory body.

B. **Definition of Interchange Rules:** "Interchange Rule" means collectively the Field Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules and the Office Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules. Reference herein to the Interchange Rules provides performance standards and criteria for the condition of the Cars and their maintenance and repair. However, as between Lessor and Lessee, this Agreement, not the Interchange Rules, governs who is responsible for performing and paying for the maintenance and repairs.

C. **Maintenance by Lessee:** Lessee at its expense shall cause Maintenance to be performed in a timely manner. Lessor shall have title to any non-severable replacement parts or additions applied to any Car.

7. **Record Keeping**

The party ("Record Keeper") designated on the applicable Schedule shall prepare and file and is hereby authorized to and shall receive and maintain all records and perform all necessary and customary record keeping functions ("Record Keeping") relating to the use of the Cars. This shall include but not be limited to (i) registration of the Cars in the Official Railway Equipment Register and "UMLER" placing ownership marks as provided in the UMLER ownership field; (ii) collection and receipt of revenue, if any; and (iii) compilation of records pertaining to maintenance, repair and billing in accordance with the Interchange Rules and AAR format. All Record Keeping shall be performed separately with respect to each set of reporting marks and shall be maintained in a form suitable for reasonable inspection by the other party from time to time during regular business hours.

3. **Insurance:**

A. **Lessee's Insurance Obligation:** Lessee shall at its expense carry and maintain on the Cars while on Lessee's lines or under Lessee's custody or control (i) all risk physical loss and damage insurance and (ii) public liability insurance. Liability insurance limits shall be five million dollars (\$5,000,000), or such other limit as set forth on the applicable schedule, and shall be written by Insurance Carriers rated at least "A" by A. M. Best and Company. The policies shall name Lessor and any financing party designated in writing by Lessor as additional insureds and as loss payees and shall provide that they shall receive 30 days prior written notification of any material changes in coverage or cancellation. Lessee's policies shall be primary to any other

insurance carried by or for the additional insureds. Any and all deductible amounts in Lessee's policies shall be paid by Lessee in the event of loss.

B. Certificates of Insurance: Lessee shall furnish to Lessor certificates of insurance from Lessee's insurer or broker confirming the above insurance upon execution hereof, within 30 days of a written request from the Lessor and on February 1 of each year during the term hereof.

9. Taxes:

Unless otherwise designated on an applicable Schedule, Lessee shall pay all federal, state and local property taxes assessed against or levied upon the Cars and shall promptly reimburse Lessor for any such taxes paid by Lessor. Lessee may contest such taxes in appropriate proceedings and Lessor shall cooperate therein. Lessee shall forward to Lessor, upon receipt, copies of all correspondence, notifications and bills with respect to such property taxes. Upon Lessor's reasonable notification, Lessee will provide Lessor with a draft of Lessee's property tax return before it is filed. Lessee shall be liable for all other taxes or governmental impositions with respect to the Cars. Without limitation such other taxes shall be deemed to include sales and use taxes.

10. Rent:

Lessee shall pay Lessor rent as set forth in each applicable Schedule. Lessee's obligations under this Lease and any applicable Schedule, including its obligation to pay rent for any Car, are unconditional and irrevocable under any and all circumstances whatsoever. Unless the applicable Schedule otherwise provides, all rental payments are due on the first of each month. Any payment of rent not received within the time limit described in Section 13 A (i) of this lease shall be subject to a late fee of 5% of the amount owed.

11. Casualty Cars:

A. Casualty While Not In Lessee's Possession: If any Car is destroyed or damaged beyond repair while not in the possession, custody, or control of Lessee or Lessee's agent or shipper and such destruction or damage of a Car has been reported in conformance with the Interchange Rules, such Car will be removed from the rental calculations effective the last day of the month during which such damage or destruction occurred. Lessor shall be entitled to all Casualty Proceeds (as hereinafter defined) from the Car.

B. Casualty While In Lessee's Possession: If any Car, while in the possession, custody or control of Lessee or Lessee's agent or shipper, is destroyed or damaged to the extent that such damage exceeds the Depreciated Value ("DV") as provided in the Interchange Rules for such Car, Lessee shall promptly notify Lessor in writing of such damage or destruction and shall remit to Lessor in accordance with the Interchange Rules an amount equal to the Casualty Proceeds (as hereinafter defined) of such Car within the earlier of (i) 30 days of such receipt of an invoice from Lessor or (ii) 90 days of the damage or destruction date. Such Car shall remain subject to the terms of this Agreement, including the rental terms, until the date on which Lessor receives all amounts due to it hereunder. Upon payment by Lessee in accordance with this provision, Lessor will transfer to Lessee all its right, title and interest to such damaged or destroyed Car.

C. **Substitution of Car:** Lessor may, at its expense, replace any such destroyed Car with similar equipment upon prior written notice to Lessee.

D. **Casualty Proceeds:** With respect to a destroyed Car, Casualty Proceeds shall mean the higher of the DV, the net present value of the remaining rents due with respect to such car using Lessor's cost of money, or such other amount as shall have been agreed to by the parties on the applicable Schedule with respect to a destroyed Car.

12. **Possession and Use:**

A. **Use:** This Agreement and Lessee's rights are subject and subordinate to the rights and remedies of any lender, owner or other party which finances the Cars. Financing agreements between such parties and Lessor determine whether the Cars may be used in Canada or Mexico. Consequently, no use greater than temporary or incidental may be made of the Cars in Canada and no use may be made in Mexico without Lessor's prior written consent. The Cars may not be used in unit train service (other than incidentally) unless an applicable schedule provides otherwise.

B. **Compliance:** Lessee agrees that while Cars are in Lessee's possession, custody or control, the Cars shall be used in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and AAR rules.

C. **Marks to Show Ownership or Security Interests:** Lessee shall mark Cars with its reporting marks at its expense unless otherwise noted on the Schedule. Lessor may mark cars to indicate rights of Lessor or of any financing party. Lessee shall not change any reporting mark or remove or change any of Lessor's lettering without written consent of Lessor.

D. **Lessee Liens:** Lessee shall not directly or indirectly allow to exist encumbrances of any kind or with regard to any Cars or this Agreement arising by, through or under it except those created for the benefit of Lessor or any financing party.

E. **Quiet Enjoyment:** Lessor agrees that, so long as no event of default has occurred or is continuing, Lessor shall not take or cause to be taken any action inconsistent with the Lessee's rights under this Lease or otherwise through its own actions interfere with or interrupt the quiet enjoyment of the use, operation and possession of any Car by Lessee or any permitted assignee, transferee or Sublessee.

13. **Default:**

A. **Events of Default:** The occurrence of any of the following events shall be an Event of Default:

(i) The nonpayment by Lessee of any sum required herein to be paid by Lessee within 5 days after the date such payment is due;

(ii) The breach by Lessee of any other term or condition of this Agreement which is not cured within 30 days after notice, in writing, of such breach;

(iii) the making by Lessee of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure to pay, or the making of a statement that it is unable to pay, or that it is unable to pay its debts generally as they become due.

(iv) In the event that the Lessee becomes the debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding (including Chapter 11), the failure of Lessee to assume this Agreement within 90 days of the commencement of the case.

(v) Any action, event or existence of any condition the effect of which would be to materially impair Lessee's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

B. Lessor Remedies: Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, Lessor at its option may exercise any or all of the following rights and remedies and any additional rights and remedies permitted by law (none of which shall be exclusive) and shall be entitled to recover all its costs and expenses, including attorney fees, in enforcing its rights and remedies:

(i) Terminate this Agreement and recover damages; and/or

(ii) proceed by any lawful means to enforce performance by Lessee of this Agreement and/or to recover damages for any breach thereof; and/or

(iii) by notice in writing to Lessee, terminate Lessee's right to possession and use of some or all of the Cars, whereupon all right and interest of Lessee in such Cars shall terminate; thereupon Lessee shall at its expense promptly return such Cars to Lessor at such place as Lessor shall designate and in the condition required as provided in the Section captioned "Expiration or Other Termination;" or if Lessee does not so promptly return the Cars on demand, Lessor may enter upon any premises where the Cars may be located and take possession of such Cars free from any right of Lessee. Lessee shall pay to Lessor all rental amounts which under the terms of this Agreement may then be due or would have become due for the duration of this Agreement with respect to terminated Cars and any other amounts or damages due hereunder, provided, however, that Lessor shall use its best efforts to mitigate such damages where Lessor has taken possession of the Cars pursuant to this subparagraph (iii).

(iv) In addition to any other remedy described herein, Lessor shall be entitled to annual interest on any amount then due at a rate equal to the sum of the Federal Reserve Board discount rate determined at the time of the award plus 10%.

14. Expiration or Other Termination:

A. Return of Cars: Upon the expiration or other termination of this Agreement with respect to any Car on any Schedule, Lessee shall return such Car to Lessor at such interchange point on Lessee's lines as designated by Lessor (the "Return Location"), or if applicable, in accordance with Section 14 B (iii). Lessee shall bear any transportation costs incurred in moving any Car to the Return Location. If Lessor so requests, Lessee shall use best efforts to load such Car with freight and deliver it to a connecting carrier for shipment.

B. Condition Upon Return: Except for normal wear and tear, each Car shall be returned to lessor (i) in as good condition, order and repair as when delivered to Lessee; (ii) in interchange condition in accordance with AAR and FRA rules and regulations, interchange condition to include the replacement of missing materials and the correction of wrong repairs and items listed in the Interchange Rules as "cause for renewal" and "cause for attention"; (iii) free of any and all Rule 95 damage; (iv) suitable for loading of the commodities allowed in the applicable Schedule; and (v) free from all accumulations of deposits from commodities transported in or on it while in the service of Lessee. Any item that is damaged or worn beyond what is considered to be normal by the original component manufacturer shall be deemed to have been damaged beyond normal wear and tear and shall be Lessee's responsibility.

C. Storage: Lessee shall, at Lessor's option, provide up to 60 days free storage on its lines for any Car which is either on Lessee's lines at expiration or other termination or is subsequently returned to Lessee's lines.

D. Holdover Rent: Except for Cars stored pursuant to Section 14 (C), Until any Car is returned to the Return Location, Lessee shall continue to pay rent for such Car pursuant to the applicable Schedule. If Lessor requests in writing the return of any Car and Lessee fails to use best efforts to return such Car, Lessee upon written notice from Lessor shall pay rent on a monthly basis in an amount equal to 150% of the rent set forth in the schedule and shall in addition make all other payments and keep all obligations required of Lessee under this Agreement as though such expiration or other termination had not occurred. Nothing in this Section shall give Lessee the right to retain possession of any Car after expiration or other termination of this Agreement with respect to such Car.

E. Remarketing: Lessor shall bear all reasonable costs associated with remarketing each Car at a facility mutually selected by the parties.

F. Return of Records: Lessee shall return to Lessor all Record Keeping records including the then current AAR UMLER format for hard copy records. Lessee shall continue to allow (at no burden or expense to Lessee) the Cars to be registered in UMLER until the Cars are remarked.

G. Inspection: Lessor may inspect any Car which is returned to it, within a reasonable time after such return. Lessee shall be entitled to participate in any such inspection. Lessee agrees to pay Lessor within 30 days of receipt of an invoice for repairs, replacements and cleaning for which Lessee is responsible. Lessor may invoice Lessee before having such work performed.

15. Indemnities:

Lessee agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Lessor from any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including attorneys fees) with respect to the Cars, which are occasioned by the fault of Lessee, occur while the Cars are in Lessee's possession, custody or control, or would be the Lessee's responsibility as the "handling carrier" under the Interchange Rules and Car Hire Rules if the Cars were not bearing Lessee's reporting marks. The indemnities contained in this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

16. Miscellaneous:

A. **No Assignment or Sublease without Lessor Consent:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties, hereto and their respective successors and assigns; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT LESSEE MAY NOT WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE LESSOR (WHICH CONSENT SHALL NOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD) PLEDGE OR ASSIGN THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF ITS RIGHTS OR OBLIGATION HEREUNDER OR SUBLEASE OR ASSIGN ANY CARS TO ANY PARTY.

Any purported assignment or sublease in violation hereof shall be void. This Section shall not prohibit Lessee from engaging in the practice commonly known in the railroad industry as assigning cars to a shipper on Lessee's lines.

B. **Assignment by Lessor:** All rights and obligations of Lessor under this Agreement, and Lessor's interest in the Cars and in the rents, may be assigned, pledged or transferred in whole or in part. On reasonable notice by Lessor, Lessee shall execute any reasonable documents to confirm such assignment, pledge or transfer; but such assignment, pledge or transfer shall be effective in whole or in part without such notice or consent.

C. **Additional Documents:** Both parties agree to execute the documents contemplated by this transaction and such other documents as may be required in furtherance of any financing agreement entered into by Lessor or its assignees in connection with the acquisition, financing or use of the Cars.

D. **No Waiver:** No delay, waiver, indulgence or partial exercise by Lessor of any right, power or remedy shall preclude any further exercise thereof or the exercise of any additional right, power or remedy.

E. **Financial Information:** Upon request of Lessor, Lessee shall promptly furnish to Lessor an annual report or audited financial statements of Lessee, together with unaudited interim statements together with any other financial information reasonably requested.

F. **No Warranties:** Lessor's obligations with respect to the Cars are expressly limited to those set forth in this Agreement and LESSOR MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. LESSOR MAKES NO WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE, NOR SHALL LESSOR HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CAR.

G. **Notices:** Any notices required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be deemed given when sent by telecopy, facsimile or deposited in United States Mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed to:

Lessor: Southern Rail Leasing
955 South Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada, 89502
(fax) 760 744-6569

with a copy to Southern Rail Leasing, Attention: Marketing
4401 Shallowford Road, Suite 192-219
Roswell, GA. 30075
(fax) 770 643-1426

Lessee: I&M Rail Link
Attention David Koerner, Controller
101 International Way
Missoula, MT 59808
fax (406) 523.1579

or to such other addresses as Lessor and Lessee may from time to time designate.

H. Applicable Law: The terms of this Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nevada, without regard to Nevada's choice of law doctrine. This Agreement is deemed made upon execution hereof by Lessee and by a representative from Lessor's marketing office followed by posting of Lessee's signed copy to Lessor's office in the State of Nevada for countersignature and countersignature thereof.

I. Survival: The obligations of the parties shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

J. Entire Agreement: This Agreement represents the entire agreement; and it may not be modified, altered or amended except by agreement in writing signed by the parties.

K. Counterparts: This Agreement and any Schedule hereunder may be executed in any number of counterparts, and such counterparts together shall constitute one contract.

L. Days: All references to days shall mean calendar days and not business days.

M. Section Headings: The captions and section headings are for the convenience and reference of the parties and are not to be construed as a part of the agreement of the parties constituting this Agreement.

Each party, pursuant to due entity authority, has caused this Agreement to be executed by its authorized officer or other employee, and each of the undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that he or she holds the title indicated below, that the execution of this Agreement was the free act and deed of the entity, the foregoing is true and correct and that this Agreement was executed on the date indicated.

Southern Rail Leasing, Inc.,

By: 

Title: Pres

Date: 5/3/00

I&M Rail Link, LLC

By: 

Title: Controller

Date: 4/27/2000

Exhibit A LIST OF CARS

The old numbers consist of certain former BCOL cars which prior to remarking and renumbering pursuant to this Schedule Number 1 are as follows:

UNPX 866803; UNPX 866805; UNPX 866806; UNPX 866808; UNPX 866809;
UNPX 866814; UNPX 866816; UNPX 866817; UNPX 866819; UNPX 866820;
UNPX 866821; UNPX 866822; UNPX 866823; UNPX 866825; UNPX 866826;
UNPX 866829; UNPX 866830; UNPX 866831; UNPX 866832; UNPX 866847;
UNPX 866853

The new numbers will be IMRL 66000 through IMRL 66020 inclusive. A tabular car to car translation will be provided as soon as the remarking and retagging have been completed.

ACCEPTANCE AND MODIFICATION OF RAILROAD CAR LEASE

This Acceptance and Modification of Railroad Car Lease (the "Modification") dated for reference purposes as October __, 2002 and is made between Southern Rail Leasing, Inc., a Nevada Corporation ("SRL") and the Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railway Company, a Delaware Corporation ("IC&E"). This Modification is made with reference to the following facts:

1. IC&E has heretofore acquired certain railroad assets of the I&M Rail Link, LLC (the "I&M"). The railroad assets are referred to herein as the "Railroad".
2. By documents dated April 14, 2000, SRL and I&M had entered into a lease of twenty-one bulkhead flatcars. To consummate that lease, SRL and I&M had entered into a Railroad Car Lease and Schedule Number 1 to that Railroad Car Lease, both documents of even date. Copies of the Railroad Car Lease and Schedule Number 1 are attached to this Modification as Exhibits 1 and 2 respectively and are made a part hereof as though fully stated. Exhibits 1 and 2 are referred to collectively as the "Lease Documents". All Cars described in the Lease Documents have been delivered and have been accepted without reservation.
3. In conjunction with the acquisition of the Railroad by the IC&E, SRL and the IC&E entered into an agreement regarding an assumption by the IC&E of the obligations set forth in the Lease Documents.
4. SRL and the IC&E desire to restate and re-memorialize the terms of the assumption as set forth herein.

WHEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Effective August 1, 2002, IC&E assumes the rights and obligations set forth in the Lease Documents.
- B. SRL and IC&E hereby agree that the Lease Documents are modified as set forth herein.
- C. The base monthly rental set forth in Paragraph 4 of Schedule Number 1 shall be modified from \$450.00 per month per Car to \$375.00 per month per Car commencing August, 2002.

- D. The term of the Lease shall be extended through July 31, 2012.
- E. The IC&E shall not be required to offer any additional guaranties previously specified in the Lease Documents. Any earlier guaranties provided to SRL by third parties guarantying the performance of the I&M shall remain in full force and effect to the extent otherwise enforceable under law.
- F. The Railcar Maintenance Agreement specified in Paragraph 5 of the Schedule Number 1 shall be terminated effective August 1, 2002; and no financial obligation for payment of fees pursuant to that Railcar Maintenance Agreement shall be owed by IC&E and no obligation for maintenance services provided thereunder shall be owed to IC&E by SRL.
- G. The parties hereto acknowledge that the remedial work specified in Paragraph 7 of Schedule Number 1 was fully performed prior to the effective date of this Modification; and the Cars were and are assigned to IC&E in an "As Is, Where Is" condition.
- H. SRL consents to IC&E re-stenciling and remarking the Cars to such car marks as IC&E shall choose. Upon such remark and re-stencil, IC&E shall provide SRL an old number/ new number list showing such changes.
- I. In conjunction with this Modification, IC&E agrees to execute such other and further documents as shall be reasonably required to perfect existing title, to perfect existing or future assignments from SRL in favor of its current or future lenders or to perfect any other transfer or alteration of SRL's title.
- J. All other terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without alteration during the term of this Lease (as extended herein) or during any extension thereof.

Signatures

Southern Rail Leasing, Inc.

By: 

Dated: 10/18/02

Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railway Company

By: 

Dated: 10/23/02